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Declining Shortleaf Pine - Holly Springs Ranger District

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Attention: Gene Sirmon

As requested by your office, Paul Peacher met with Mr. Corbett Marler at the Holly Springs District Office June 9th to see if they had decline problems with shortleaf pine on the district. In talking with district personnel, it was learned that they know of no problems with shortleaf pine except an occasional thin crown tree, which is a normal situation.

A look at one area a few miles southeast of Holly springs showed only a few scattered shortleaf trees with symptoms of decline.

Apparently there are no significant decline problems with shortleaf pine on the Holly Springs Ranger District at this time. However, it would be well for district personnel to be on the lookout during their normal work routine for increases in shortleaf decline.

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